

Lawrence Cahoon  
Emeritus                    nity," directed by Edward Casey.  
B.A. Psychology and Philosophy double major, Clark University, 1976.

Areas of Specialization (research and advanced courses): American Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Metaphysics and Natural Science, Modernism and Postmodernism

Areas of Competence (introductory/intermediate courses): History of Western Philosophy, Ethics, Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Aesthetics

Books

1. *The Emergence of Value: Human Norms in a Natural World.*
4. *From Modernism to Postmodernism: An Anthology.* Expanded Second Edition. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2003. First Edition 1996. (Persian translation: Nashreney 1381).
5. *Civil Society: The Conservative Meaning of Liberal Politics.* Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002.
6. *The Ends of Philosophy: Pragmatism, Foundationalism, and Postmodernism.* Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2002. (rpt. of *The Ends of Philosophy.* Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1995).
7. *The Dilemma of Modernity: Philosophy, Culture, and Anti-Culture.* Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988. (Chinese translation: H. H. T(a)(T(r)13 (t)-2H)(l)38T(a)-16 (n)22 0dlaynT((

Published Articles (Essays, Chapters, Reviews)

1. "The Other Relativism," forthcoming in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*.
2. "A Most Contradictory Family: Cohen, Nagel, and Buchler on Logical Realism," forthcoming in Michael Berman, editor,

16. "American Realism, Objective Relativism, Columbia Naturalism, and Justus Buchler," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, v.52, n.3, Summer 2016: 416-34.
17. Review of Jessica Wahman, *Narrative Naturalism*:

32. "Pragmatism," entry in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, edited by John Lachs and Robert

47. Review of Lenore Langsdorf and Andrew Smith, *Recovering Pragmatism's Voice: The Classical Tradition, Rorty, and the Philosophy of Communication*, in *Metaphilosophy*, vol.26, no.4, October 1995, pp.424-31.

48. "The Consolation of Antiphilosophy: Scepticism, Common Sense, Pragmatism, and Rorty," *Philosophy Today*, Spring 1994, v.38, n.4, pp.204-24.

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49. "The Ten Modernisms," *Journal of Social Philosophy*, v.24, n.3, Winter 1993, pp.192-214.

50. "Limits of the Social and Rational Self," in Leroy Rouner, *On Selfhood: Boston University Studies in Philosophy and Religion*, volume XIII. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame, 1992. pp.53-72.

51. "Relativism and Metaphysics: On Justus Buchler and Richard Rorty," in Armen Marsoobian et al, *Nature's Perspectives: Prospects for Ordinal Metaphysics*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991. pp.235-52.

52. Review of David Kolb, *A Critique of Pure Modernity: Hegel, Heidegger, and After*, in *Human Studies*, v.13, n.3, 1990, pp.285-92.

53. "Buchler On Habermas On Modernity," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, v.27, n.4, Winter 1989, pp.461-77.

54. Review of David Weisman, *Intuition and Ideality*, in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, v.3, n.1, 1989, pp.60-52.

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30. Liberty Fund Workshop, Union League of Philadelphia, June 4-7, 2009, hosted by John Kekes.
31. Respondent, Faculty Author Discussion, David Schaefer's *Illiberal Justice: John Rawls and the American Political Tradition* (University of Missouri, 2007), Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, October 20, 2008.
32. "Buchler and Natural Science: Sketch of an Ordinal Physicalism," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 14, 2008.
33. Response to Lisa Gerber, "Wisdom and Predator Restoration," International Society for Environmental Ethics/International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Meeting, Allenspark, CO, June 1, 2007.
34. Panel presentation on David Schaefer's *Illiberal Justice: John Rawls and the American Political Tradition*, New England Political Science Association, Newton, MA, April 27, 2007.
35. "Arguments from Nothing: God and the Origin of the Universe," Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, College of the Holy Cross, February 22, 2007.
36. Author's Response to Critic (Jeffrey Bloechl on *Cultural Revolutions*), Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of 0 ( C)7 (o)-20 (l)18(f)3-0.0048llege of 0 ( C)7 (o)-20 (l)18(f)3-0.0043Lff0.02m8 (a)



44. Commentary on David O'Hara, "Peirce, Plato and Miracles: On the Mature Peirce's Re-discovery of Plato and the Overcoming of Nominalistic Prejudice in History," and Bernardo Cantens, "Peirce's Scientific Spirit and the Highest Maxim of Logic: On the Incompatibility between Philosophy and Christianity," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Alabama, Birmingham, March 6, 2004.
45. "What I Have Been Doing Since Graduation," Celebrating Stony Brook Philosophy Conference, State University at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, October 10, 2003.

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74. "Aesthetic Validation of Philosophical Perspectives: Peirce, Dewey, Buchler," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Albuquerque, March 7, 1997.
75. "Liberty, Membership, and Dignity: Being Alone in the Modern *Civitas*," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, February 12, 1997.
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90. "The Cultural Turn in the Critique of Modernity," Boston University Humanities Foundation, March 28, 1989.
91. "Radical Subjectivism in Husserl and Heidegger," Clark University, Mar. 20, 1989.
92. "Modern, Postmodern, Anti-modern: What Are We Talking About?" Allegheny College, Feb. 21, 1989.
93. Response to Vilmos Sos, "Between Anglo-Saxon and Continental Philosophy: The Problem of Knowledge," Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, Feb. 14, 1989.
94. "Critical Perspectives on Modernity: Buchler and Habermas," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., Dec. 29, 1988.
95. "The Politics of Anti-Subjectivism," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Northwestern University, Oct. 14, 1988.
96. "The Position of Remediation in the Curriculum," panel presentation, Mathematics Association of America, Manhattan Community College, May 2, 1987.
97. "The Philosophy of Mathematics and the Development of Modern Science," Mathematics Society, Queensborough Community College, Mar. 4, 1987.
98. "A Cultural Theory of Modernity," Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, State University of New Y

Organized Conference Session, "New American Naturalisms," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Colorado, Denver, March 8, 2014.

Organized Conference Session, "Hunting for Dewey and Other Animals," Society for the Advancement

Eugene M. Kayden National University Press Book Award for The Dilemma of Modernity, 1989.

Junior Fellow, Boston University Society of Fellows, 1988-89.

Graduate Council Fellow, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1977-80.

Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Sigma Tau, Psi Chi, Clark University, 1976.

### Courses Taught

Introductory Level

*Existentialism*

*Philosophers on War and Peace*

*Philosophical Anthropology*

*Medieval Philosophy*

*Early Modern Philosophy* (Descartes through Hume)

*Modern Philosophy* (Kant and the 19<sup>th</sup>)

## Epistemological Crises

### Undergraduate Tutorials (Holy Cross)

Pragmatism  
 War and Peace  
 Just War Theory  
 Environmental Ethics  
 Philosophy and Cosmology  
 Philosophy of Law

### Courses added to Holy Cross Curriculum (Committee Approved)

Existentialism  
 Social Philosophy of Modernity  
 Twentieth Century Philosophy  
 Process Philosophy  
 Philosophical Naturalism  
 Metaphysics and Natural Science  
 The Concept of the Political

### Selected Undergraduate Theses/Summer Research/Doctoral Theses

1. Rachel Mallett, "Community, Identity, and Self in the Thought of Cornel West," Holy Cross, 2021-22.
2. Timothy Philbin, "Virtue Consequentialism: A New Response to the Integrity Problem," Holy Cross, 2018-19.
2. Spencer Caron, "Is the Law Good: Assessing the New Natural Law Theory," Holy Cross, Washington DC thesis, Spring 2019.
3. Matthew Silberstein, Honors Thesis Advisor, "The Just Response to Crime: To Harm or to Heal," Holy Cross, 2017-18.
4. Summer Research, Adriana Sarni, "Alasdair MacIntyre's Critique of Contemporary Morality," Holy Cross, 2012.
5. Second Reader, PhD thesis, Jack Weinstein, "Adam Smith and the Problem of Neutrality in Contemporary Liberal Theory," Boston University, 1998.
6. Additional Reader, PhD thesis, Philip Cafaro, "Thoreau's Vision of a Good Life in Nature," Boston University, 1997
7. Additional Reader, PhD thesis, Elliot Wreh-Wilson, "Community and Morality in African Thought," Boston University, 1994.
8. Additional Reader, Thomas Thorp, "Politology," PhD Thesis, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1993.



Selected Academic Roles (with special activities noted)

Reader for Philosophy Prize Essays, Holy Cross, Spring 2023

Member, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Holy Cross, 2022-23

Member, Beyond Free Speech Working Group, Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, Holy Cross 2021-22

Reader for Philosophy Honors Applications, Holy Cross, Spring 2021, 2022

Reader for Philosophy Prize Essays, Holy Cross, Spring 2020

Metaphysical Society of America, President 2019-2021 (two-year term because of cancelled March 2020 meetings due to COVID pandemic), Vice President 2018-19.

Philosophy Department Search Committee Member, Holy Cross, November 2019-February 2020

Philosophy Graduate Student Advisor, Holy Cross 2019-20

Chair of Holy Cross Philosophy Department 2017-19

External Program Review, February 17-19, 2019

Departmental Self-Study, July-August 2018

Summer Assessment Workshop, June 14-15, 2018

Committee Member, Clc2e Eost ewy8.2-14 ( (e)/.1e( (t)-m)34 (eaka)-20 (e6 T01 Tw 8.37.1 (r) (3.3

Member, Faculty Assessment Committee, Teagle Grant, Holy Cross, January 2010-June 2011

Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2008-09 (including Chair, Ad-Hoc committee to rewrite Curriculum Committee Statute.)

Member, Hewlett-Mellon Review Committee, Holy Cross 2008-09

Philosophy Department Interview Committee at American Philosophical Association, Holy Cross, Dec.27-30, 2008.

Member, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2007-08

Member, Academic Affairs Council, Holy Cross, 2004-06

Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau, Holy Cross, 2003-06

Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Program Advisory Panel, Holy Cross, 2001-2004

Member, College Curriculum Committee, Holy Cross, 2001-03

Philosophy Interview Committee, American Philosophical Association, Holy Cross, Dec.27-30, 2001

Member, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Boston University, 1998-2000

Advisor, Joint Majors in Philosophy and Political Science, Boston University, 1987-2000

Member, Graduate Placement Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University, 1995-98

Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy, Boston University, 1993-94 (revised Undergraduate Philosophy Curriculum, with Bernard Elevitch)

Advisor, Undergraduate Philosophy Association, Boston University, 1990-94

Member, Graduate Program Committee, Dept. of Philosophy, Boston University, 1990-91

2000 (Fall): Visiting Adjunct Instructor, Boston Architectural Center

1996-2000: Associate Professor of Philosophy (and associated faculty, Political Science), Boston University (term appointment)

1987-96: Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Boston University (tenure-track)

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